

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 8 and 9, as follows, and add new claims 10 and 11.

All claims in the application are reproduced below in accordance with current U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requirements.

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) An original document processing apparatus comprising:

a conveying roller which conveys ~~means for conveying~~ an original document to an original document reading position;

a pair of reverse-discharge rollers ~~rotating members~~ capable of rotating forward and reverse which feeds ~~for feeding~~ the original document to said conveying roller ~~means~~ by switchback, and discharging the original document conveyed from said conveying roller ~~means~~; and

an electricity removal needle which removes ~~means for removing~~ electricity from the conveyed sheet;

wherein the switchback serves to feed an original document from said pair of reverse-discharge rollers ~~rotating members~~ to the conveying roller; ~~means; and~~

wherein said pair of reverse-discharge rollers separate from each other to stop rotation after the original document is fed to said conveying roller by the switchback;
and

wherein the electricity removal needle means is disposed at a downstream side in an original document discharging direction from a cross over position for a front edge of the original document and a rear edge of the original document in a case of conveying the original document having a maximum conveyable length by the switchback, and at a downstream side in the original document discharging direction of said pair of reverse-discharge rollers ~~rotating members~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The original document processing apparatus according to claim 8,

wherein a distance of starting from said pair of reverse-discharge rotating rollers ~~members~~, passing said original document reading position, and returning back to said pair of reverse-discharge rotating rollers ~~members~~ is made shorter than the maximum conveyable length of the original document; and

wherein the cross over position is disposed between said pair of reverse-discharge rotating rollers ~~members~~ and said electricity removal needle means.

10. (New) The original document processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said pair of reverse-discharge rollers maintains the separating status during the reading process of the original document fed by the switchback.

11. (New) The original document processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said pair of reverse-discharging rollers starts rotating towards the original documents discharge direction, at a time that rear end of the original document switchbacked leaves said pair of discharge-reverse rollers.